

GREAT DIGGS 2!

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1979



THIS REPRESENTS
THE SOUL OF OUR
FOREIGN POLICY!

YES... BUT WHY SUCH
AN ODD TITLE FOR A
WEAPONS CATALOG?



GREAT DIGGS



A CARTOONIST'S VIEW OF WORLD EVENTS
COMPILED FROM THE PAGES OF THE
RIP OFF COMIX SYNDICATE.

When asked to explain, R. Diggs said he doesn't know why others may draw, but he cartoons to cope.

"Cope?" I asked. "What do you mean?"

It's then that my alter-ego spoke of the news; the enormous amount of it that beats about our heads and demands some sort of reply.

"Some of this stuff just can't be swallowed whole," he explains, "it gets stuck, and I cough it up as a cartoon."

"I see," I said. "Is it the lies

and distortions of the news, or your own need to assert yourself that compels you?"

"All of that," he said. "It's important not to take this lying down. Whether or not it makes any difference in the long run, it's good for the soul to strike back whenever possible."

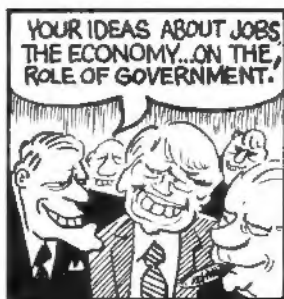
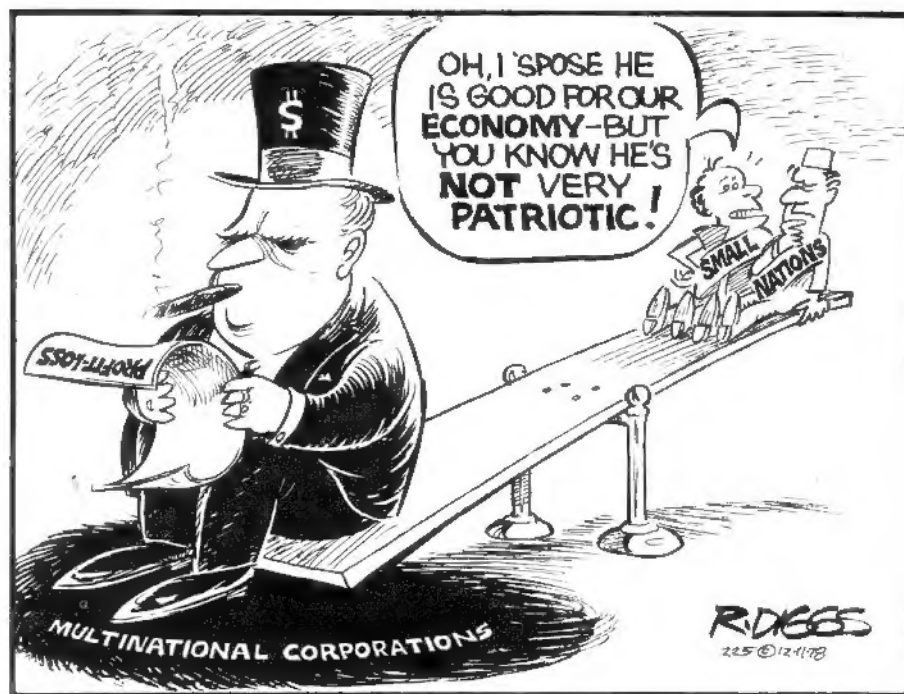
I couldn't agree more, which is probably why we get along as well as we do. This alliance, which goes back many years, actually began to develop when R. Diggs became a weekly feature with the Rip Off Comix Syndicate two and

a half years ago. While he had appeared before in the underground press, not to mention "here and there, often anonymously," Rip Off provided the first regular national, then international, exposure of his combative approach. The results have been hundreds of cartoon comments on current events and two books: *Great Diggs of 77*, which die-hard fans can order from Rip Off Press for \$1.30, and *Great Diggs 2*, this bigger, more expensive model.

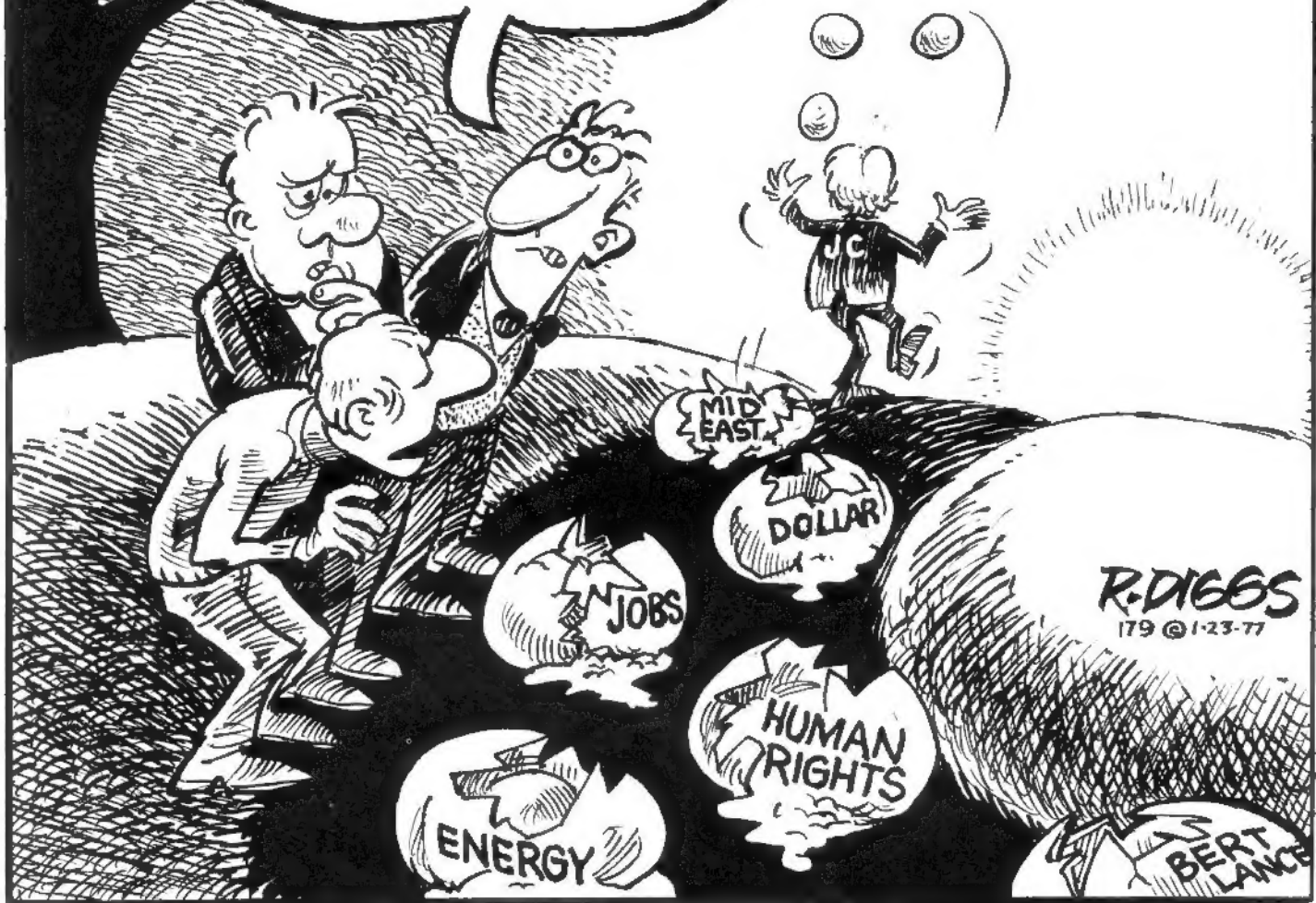
R. and I want to caution readers that while this book is by nature historical, it is not a history and, due to space and such, some of your favorite outrages may not be included. Also some of the facts and figures quoted may seem to some to lack total objectivity, but this is a book of opinion which I can only hope you share.

Finally, thanks. Thanks to the editors who print R. Diggs, the readers who make it popular, Rip Off Press people who keep my spirits up and pay me every week, and a special note of thanks and appreciation to Ruby Star and Vicki Sauvain who helped so much with the research, writing and editing needed to put this book together.

Harry Driggs
San Francisco,
January 1979



WHOEVER TOLD
US THIS BOY
COULD **JUGGLE?**



What I'm worried about is a kind of snowballing effect creating the impression that Carter's a lousy speaker. I think those things have a way of becoming like a self-fulfilling prophecy."

—Barry Jagoda, special assistant to the President for media and communications.



I am particularly concerned by our national role as the world's leading arms salesman."

—Presidential candidate Jimmy Carter.

Current arms sales, government to government, arranged through the Pentagon will be \$14.5 billion plus private sales of \$2 billion. Carter approved sales to 82 countries in 1978, including arms sold to countries at war with one another.

The top ten corporations in arms sales abroad are:

Northrop - 853 million
 McDonnell Douglas - 446 million; fighter planes
 Lockheed - 305 million; military transport planes
 General Dynamics - 303 million; fighter planes
 Grumman Corp. - 252 million; navy fighters
 General Electric - 220 million; jet engines
 Hughes Aircraft - 156 million; missiles, helicopters
 Raytheon Industries - 149 million; missiles
 Litton Industries - 121 million; ships
 United Tech. Corp. - 87 million; jet engines





I am "gravely disturbed by the few programs that have been as yet proposed to reduce unemployment much below 6%, which means up to 15% for black people and up to 40% for black teen-agers." Unless blacks are given relief, "it will be impossible to contain their despair or for them to sublimate their anger through the political process."

—Vernon Jordan, President, National Urban League

Recent budget cuts include: 358,000 CETA jobs; 500,000 summer jobs for youth; and 11,000 youth training jobs.



By mid March, President Carter was pressured into invoking the 80 day cooling-off period of the Taft Hartley Act to get U.S. coal miners back to work, but miners ignored the order. However, within a week, on March 24, 1978 union and industry officials signed a contract ending the 109 day coal strike.

"When I'm down in that hole, I'm thinking about those stock holders in New York making millions of dollars off people like me. It's blood money, that's exactly what it is, and I resent it, I sure do."

—Charlie Ross, underground miner in Raleigh, West Virginia.

The coal industry still kills one worker every two working days.





On September 17, 1978, after 13 days of secret negotiations at Camp David, Prime Minister Begin of Israel and President Sadat of Egypt announced with President Carter the signing of a new peace plan. Actually two plans. The first agreement, to be implemented within five years, dealt with the Palestinian question, the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. The second, to be negotiated within three months, would be a formal peace agreement between Egypt and Israel. By the end of the year, the Nobel Peace Prize had been jointly awarded to Sadat and Begin, but there was no peace accord. Negotiations had broken down.



R. DIGGS

BACK!
GET BACK!

THE SHAH OF IRAN

U.S. ARMS

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Nobody can overthrow me, I have the support of 70,000 troops, all the workers and most of the people. Wherever I go, there are fantastic demonstrations of support. I have the power and the opposition cannot be compared

in strength with the government in any way."

—Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi of Iran.

In the past seven years the U.S. has sold the shah \$18 billion in arms.

IS THIS
RIGHT?
by
R. DIGGS

FIRST, I GIVE YOU MY
BASIC RESOURCES

YES

...AND YOU GIVE ME
TRADING STAMPS—
WHICH I CAN GIVE
BACK TO YOU

YES

TO BUY MY OWN
RAW MATERIALS
AS EXPENSIVE
MANUFACTURED
GOODS!

RIGHT!
I NEED YOU
AND YOU
NEED ME!

YES...WELL THAT'S
JUST WHAT I WANT
TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT.

In the past six months Rhodesian forces have struck repeatedly into all three neighboring countries, inflicting heavy casualties not only on guerrilla base camps but on the weak armies of Zambia, Mozambique and Botswana. In the much bigger war now being contemplated, the Salisbury regime might go down in the end, but it would probably take all its neighbors with it.

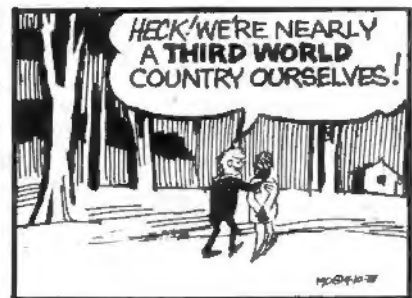
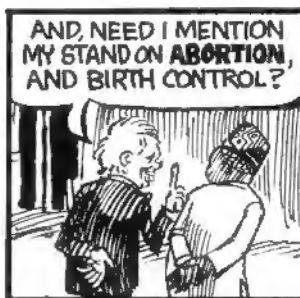
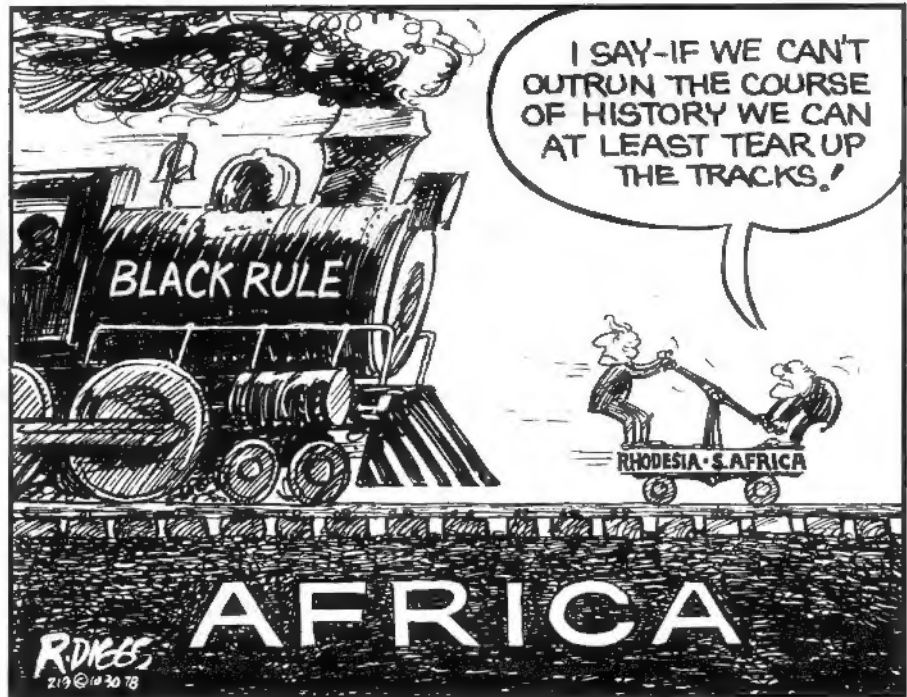
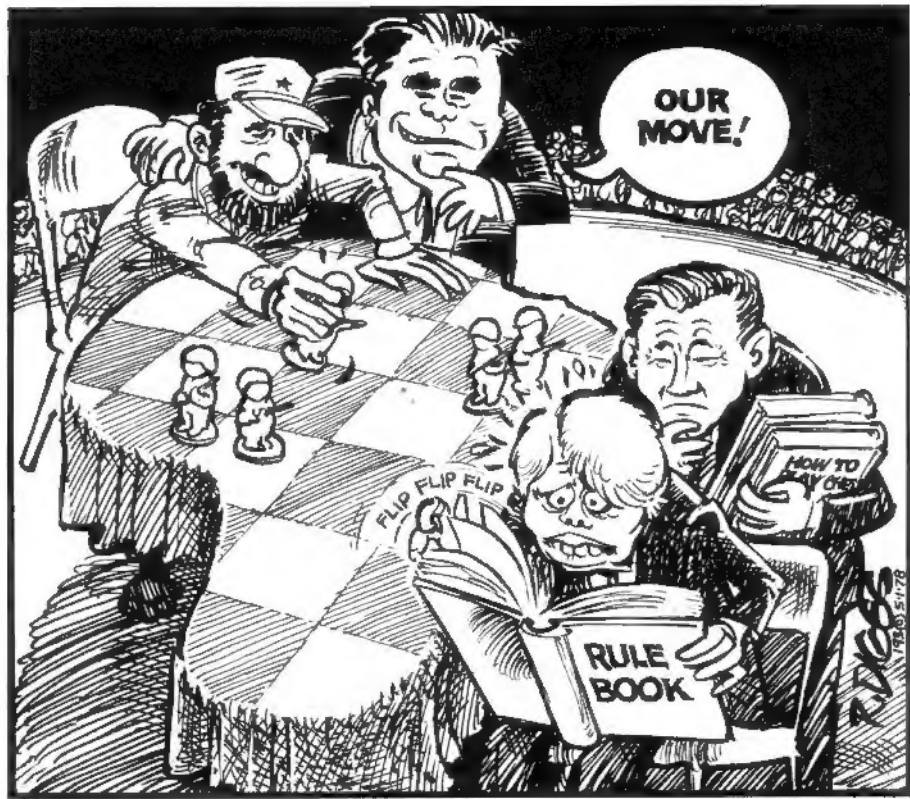
—Gwynne Dyer, *San Francisco Chronicle* foreign correspondent.

South Africa's urgency in hurrying to achieve 'internal settlement' in Namibia without U.S. supervision was apparently a ploy to put the small white minority party in Namibia's saddle before the South West African People's Organization (SWAPO) could organize Namibia's nearly 900,000 black voters.

—This World, *San Francisco Chronicle*.

"The express train of white racism is now rushing at full speed on a collision course with the express train of black anger."

—Donald Woods, exiled South African newspaper editor.



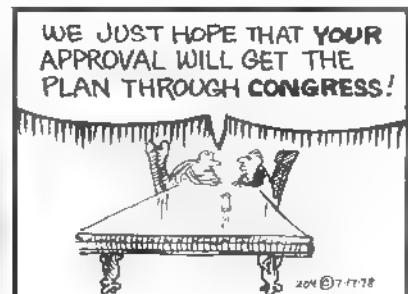


In recognizing that the government of the People's Republic of China is the single government of China, we are recognizing simple reality."

—President Carter

The People's Republic is looking to the West for help in becoming a modern industrial nation by the year 2000. China has an eight year \$20 billion agreement with Japan and has negotiated a trade agreement with the Common Market. The United States will be a major source of technology and equipment. The People's Republic is also on a major buying spree for western military hardware and will pay by exporting oil and coal. She is the world's 10th largest producer.

Inter Continental Corporation is building six hotels in China for foreign visitors at a cost of \$500 million. Pan American Airline is ready with direct flights from S F. to Peking. Coca Cola has won the exclusive right to bottle and sell coke to the Chinese.



The Somoza family has ruled Nicaragua since 1936. That makes 40 years of Somoza rule and 66 years of U.S. intervention.

In September 1978, civil war with the Sandinista guerrilla forces resulted in 3,500 to 5,000 killed and 10,000 wounded. Somoza refuses to step down until his term ends in 1981.

"We learned Somoza would destroy the country rather than give up power. We never expected him to bomb civilian areas and kill thousands of people."

Armando, Sandinista Guerrilla

The Panama Canal Treaty was ratified by one vote and included the DeConcini reservation, "... the United States and the Republic of Panama shall each independently have the right to take such steps as it deems necessary in accordance with its constitutional processes, including the use of military force in Panama, to re-open the Canal or restore the operations of the Canal as the case may be."





You cannot begin to understand the problem of Italy without understanding the depth of incompetence, blindness, selfishness and corruption of its ruling class."

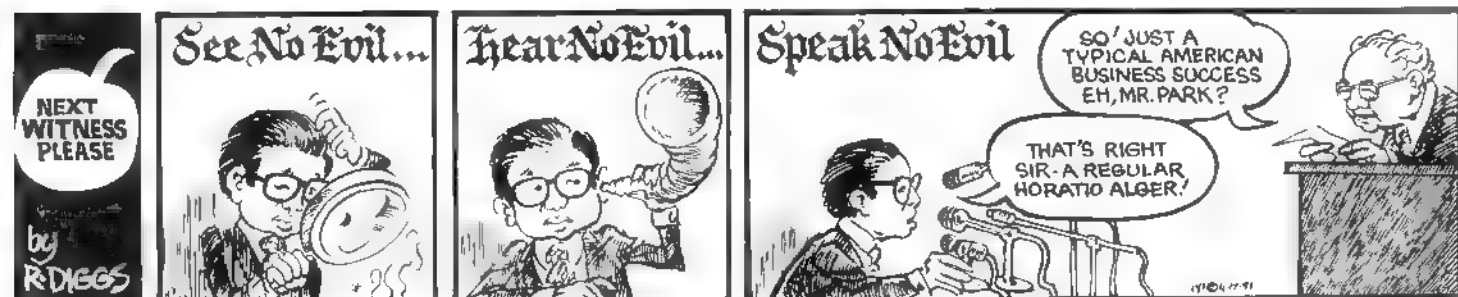
—Alberto Ronchy, a columnist for Milan's *Corriere della Sera*

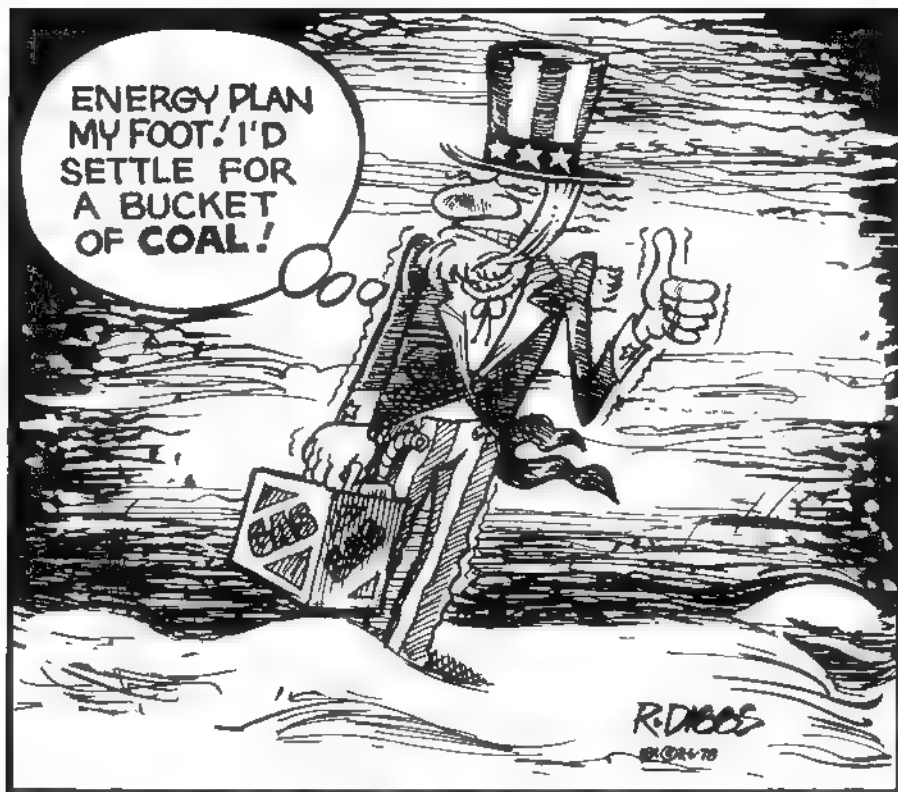
War, says Melvyn Miller, president of Protective Materials Co., is the greatest ally of the armormaker, "but I was just talking with a retired Army guy the other day, and he was saying that there's never been a time when so much armor was being bought by non-military personnel. We're opening a plant in Italy, for instance. We can't keep up with the demand there. We're actually making armored knee pads for executives over there. I then again, I don't want to tell you how many vests we've sold in the Middle East."



On January 4, 1978, Chile's President Pinochet held a plebiscite to ratify his rule, claiming 75% of the mandatory vote. By September, Pinochet announced there would be no more elections until 1985 and said the government will approve a newly-written constitution which outlaws leftist political parties and limits Congress' role to the debate and approval of executive proposals.

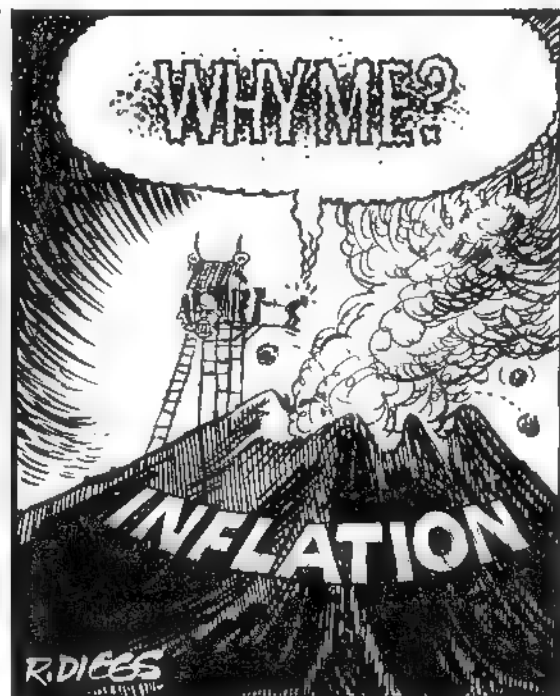
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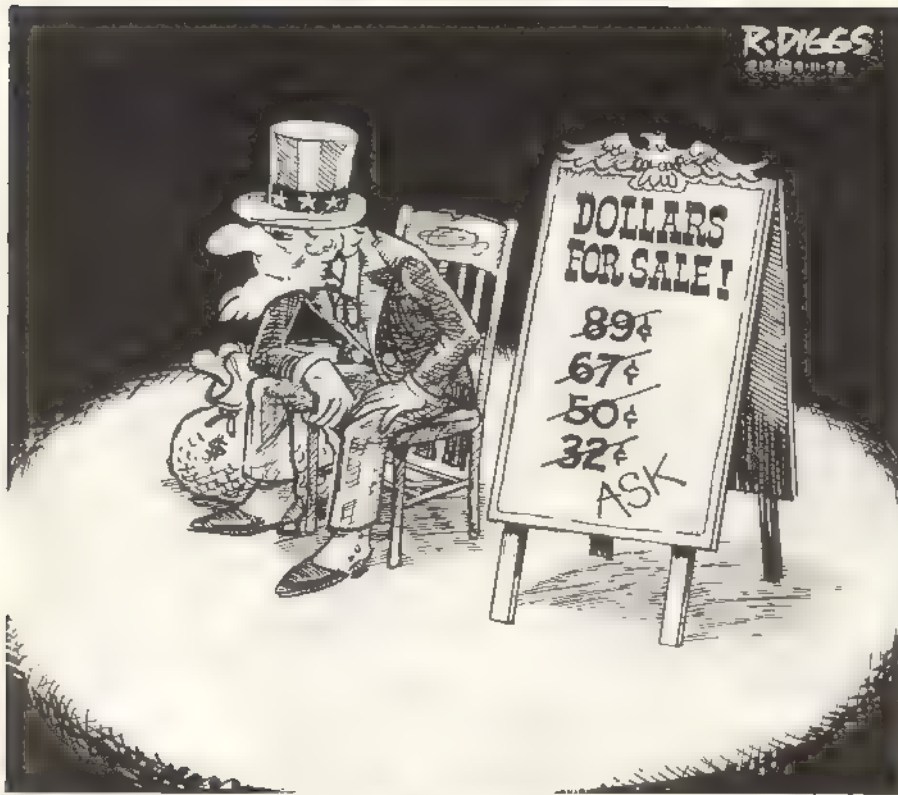




The inflation rate in 1978 was 9%, the highest since 1947. In answer, President Carter instituted voluntary wage price guidelines and dramatically increased the cost of borrowing money. This is supposed to attract foreign funds which helps the dollar. But more important, high interest rates are supposed to limit inflation by pushing the economy toward a recession. The loss of jobs and purchasing power that are part of a recession, "cools off" the economy and slows inflation. This same plan worked during our last recession when millions of people were thrown out of work and the inflation rate dropped from 12% in 1974 to 5% in 1976.

—Dollar and Sense, December, 1978





Largely due to oil imports, the U.S. balance of trade (exports minus imports) was in the hole by \$30 billion in 1978. Of this the deficit in trade with Japan is one billion dollars per month. Japan has largely resisted efforts to change the value of the yen or its import restrictions which might improve the conditions for the U.S.



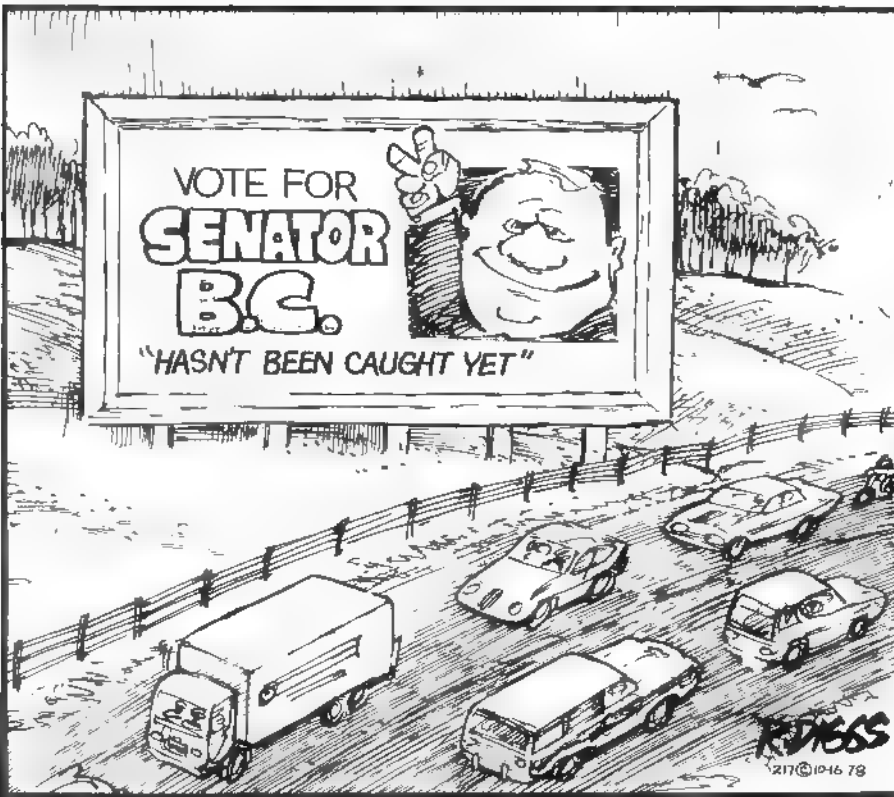
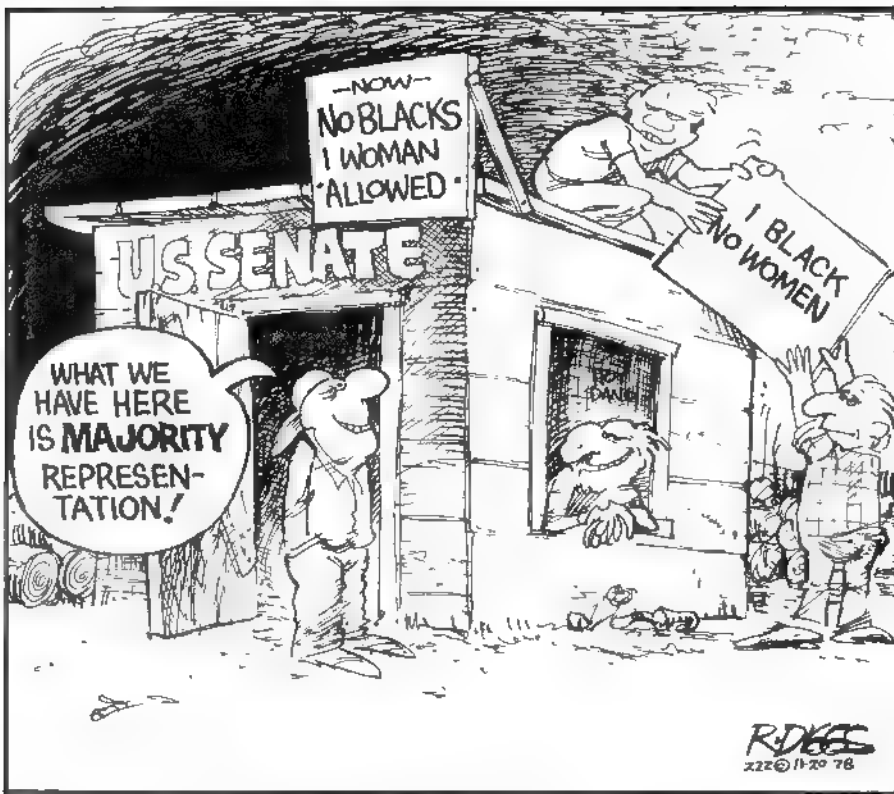


The deadline for ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment was extended 3 years and 3 months to June of 1982.

In the continuing battle, Florida has lost more than \$14 million in convention business. More than 300

organizations including the powerful AFL-CIO said they wouldn't have conventions in Florida. Chicago, Kansas City and Atlanta have also lost \$250 million in convention business.





I've never in my life made a cent off the power of my office."
—Senator Herman Talmadge (D-Ga)

Senator Talmadge, currently under investigation for gifts of money and profits made on real estate deals.

Representative John McFall (D-Cal), charged with accepting \$3,000 in campaign contributions from South Korean businessman Tongsun Park.

Charles Wilson (D-Cal), charged with accepting \$1,000 in campaign contributions from Park. Also, he is accused of lying to the Ethics Committee.

Daniel Flood (D-Penn), indicted on 10 counts of conspiracy and



accepting bribes to influence the awarding of federal financial aid. He has been re-elected to his 16th term while awaiting trial. If convicted, he could get 140 years and \$90,000 in fines.

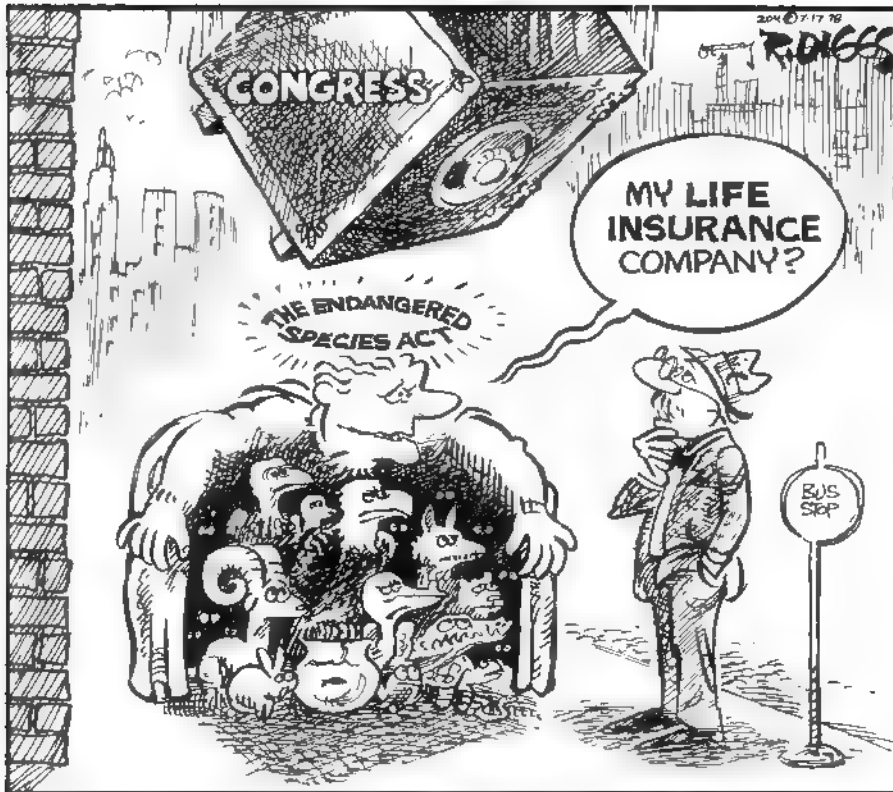
Otto Passman (D-La), charged with seven counts of bribery, fraud and conspiracy.

Charles Diggs, Jr. (D-Mich), charged with accepting salary kickbacks from his staff, 14 counts of mail fraud and 21 counts of giving false statements.

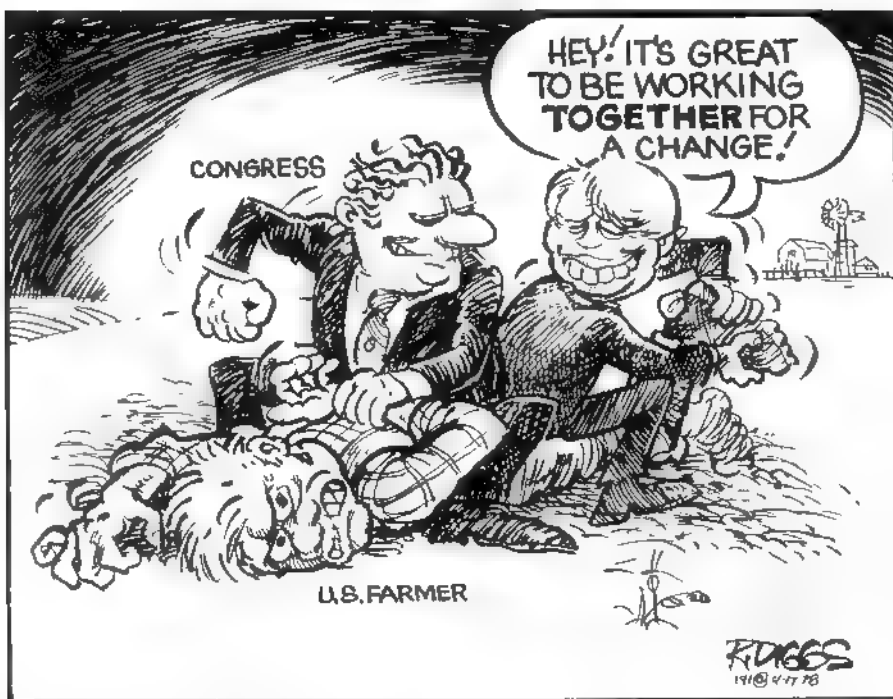
Joshua Eilberg (D-Penn), charged with illegally pocketing \$100,000 in legal fees in connection with his efforts to get a \$14.5 million federal grant for Philadelphia's Hahnemann Hospital.

Richard Hanna (D-Cal), charged with 40 counts of corruption. Convicted of conspiring to defraud the U.S., Judge Bryant sentenced him to 6 to 30 months in federal prison. Hanna could be paroled in 6 months.





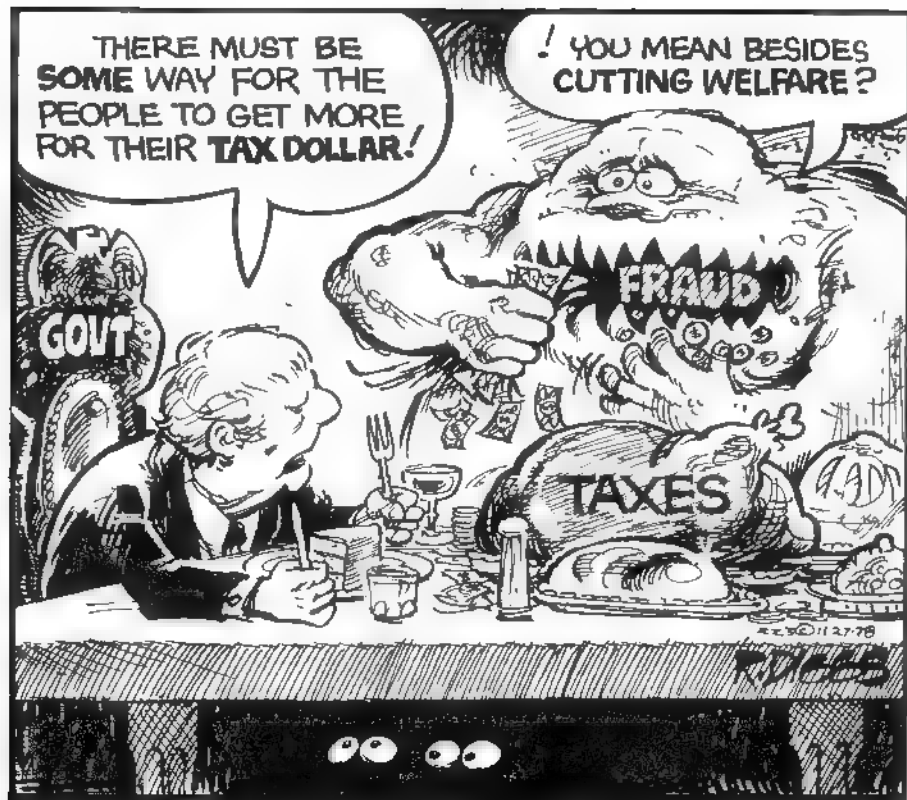
The Supreme Court rescued the snail darter fish from federal dam builders and set off a panic in Congress. Members attempted to weaken the Endangered Species Act of 1973, but failed.



Farmers remember Carter's campaign promise of top dollar prices for farm products. But farm profits are down. Grain farmers are hit the hardest with the prices only moderately higher than at the end of World War I. Farmers are deep in debt because of a 250% increase in the cost of fertilizer since 1973, while net farm income dropped to \$20 billion last year, down from \$33 billion in 1973.

Corporations are a big problem to farmers too. Giants like Safeway and Tenneco have bought and spliced together so many small farms that they now control over 50% of all agriculture.





The General Services Administration (GSA) has annual sales that approach \$100 million, of this more than \$66 million has been lost to corruption and more than 500 persons may be implicated. An official of the General Accounting Office (GAO) said a total annual cost of government fraud is \$12 to \$15 billion.

"The ugly and disgusting saga will further unfold during the days ahead at the GSA. Day after day, the uncovering of scandals stretching back many years into GSA's young life may represent only a tip of a gigantic iceberg yet to descend upon us."

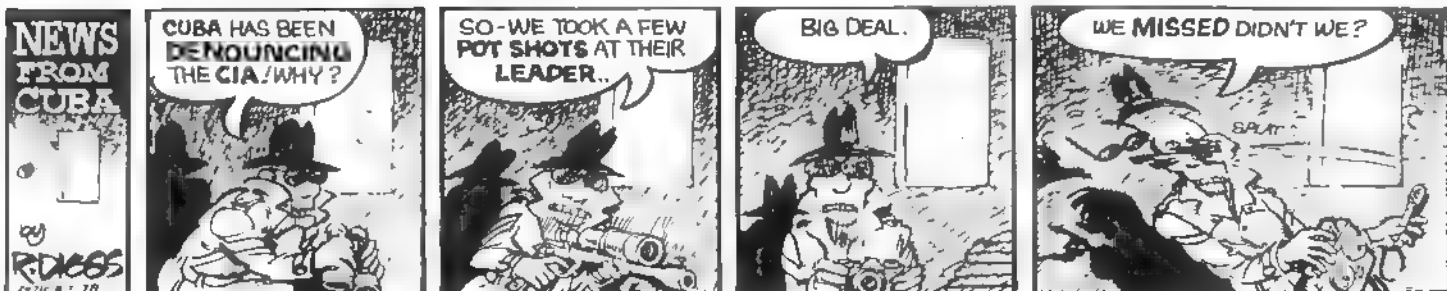
—GSA Administrator Jay Salomon.





L Patrick Gray, former director to the FBI, Mark Felt, former associate director, and his intelligence chief were charged with 32 acts of violating civil rights of Weatherman associates.

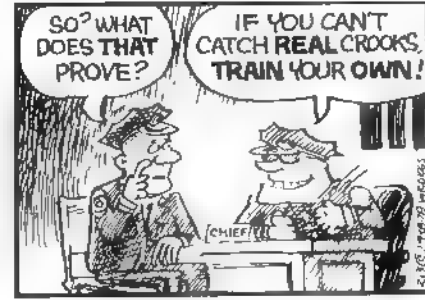
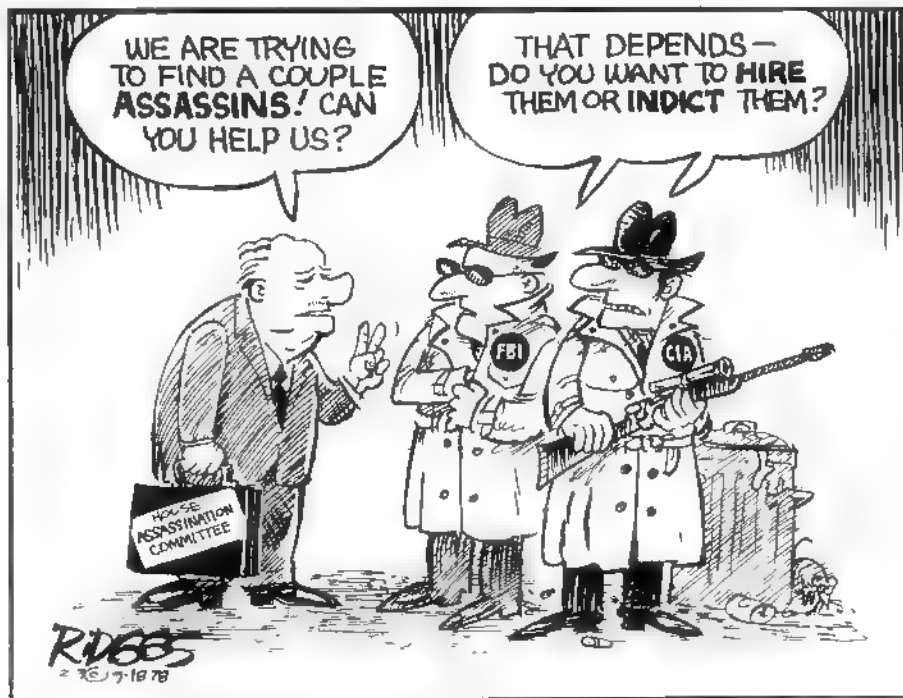
The accused "did unlawfully, willfully and knowingly combine, conspire and confederate to agree together to injure and oppress citizens of the United States by authorizing FBI agents to conduct a series of break-ins without judicial warrants."

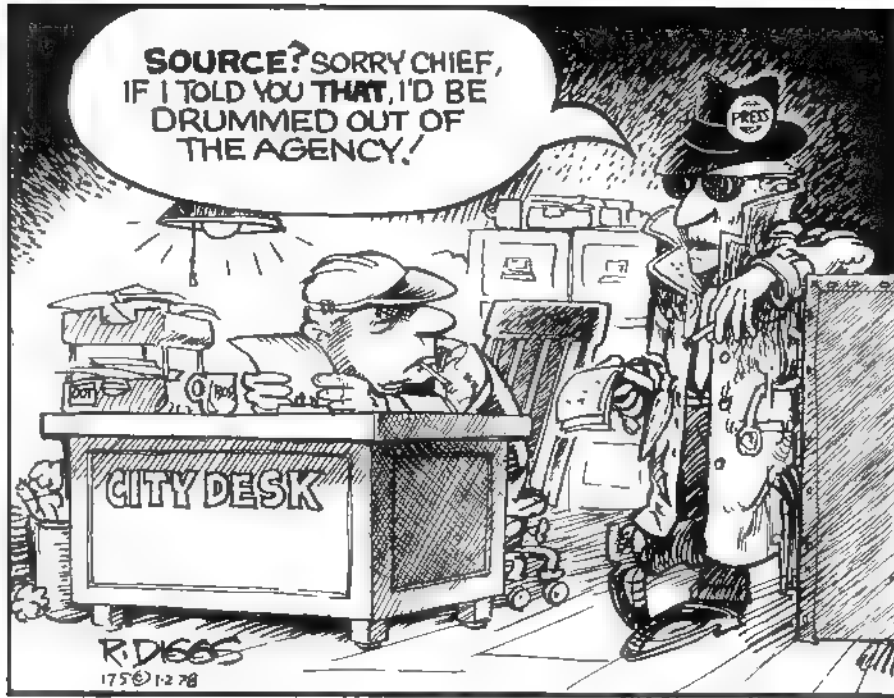


ACLU says the FBI provoked the Ku Klux Klan to carry out terrorist acts against civil rights workers. "Person in intelligence was passing information directly to the leaders of the Klan."

The Justice Department may settle out of court with the Socialist Workers Party (SWP) in its suit against FBI infiltration. Attorney General Bell is willing to pay damages of \$40 million rather than release the names of 18 informants.

A former agent charged that FBI agents invented informants, often keeping their payment. The fake files were used to keep superiors happy and to get more money from Congress at budget time. The agent charged that there were at least 20,000 bag jobs in the last 30 years at homes and offices of political activists. "Different offices in the country in 1950 had squads that did nothing but bag jobs."





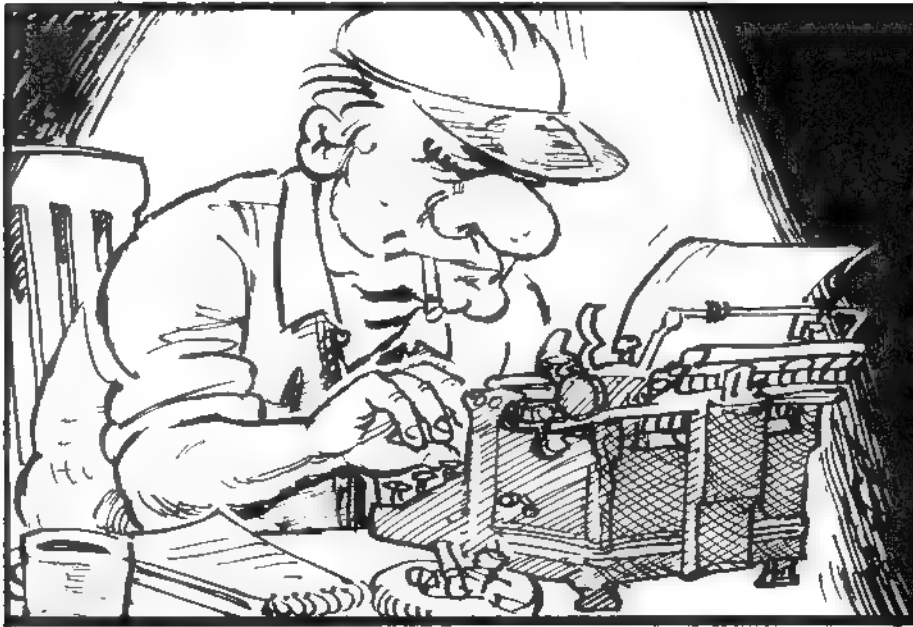
Recent investigations have shown that since World War II, the CIA has employed at least 30 and perhaps as many as 400 journalists, that it secretly financed newspapers and other news organizations and that about a dozen CIA agents have posed as news employees in foreign countries.

—Patrick Oster, *Chicago Sun-Times*

CIA agents fired from their jobs by CIA director Stansfield Turner had nowhere to go, with very specialized talents. It was impossible to write a complete resume after 25 years of service as a foreign agent.

—Steven V. Roberts, *New York Times*





...and because our
Supreme Court also
upheld the ban on
the 'seven dirty
little words'...



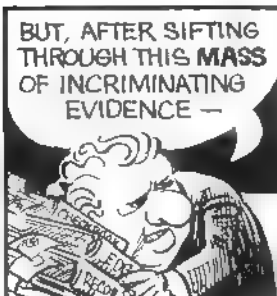
no truly adequate
description of the
just completed
session can
be printed!

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In a decision that horrified newsmen, the Supreme Court held that police have the right to obtain a warrant and make unannounced searches of private property — including newsrooms — to look for evidence of a crime, even though the owner or occupant

is not suspected of wrongdoing. This was not surprising as the Burger Court has almost unfailingly interpreted the Fourth Amendment ban on “unreasonable search and seizure” so as to strengthen police power.

—*News item*





Ford Motor Company knew the Pinto was a fire trap. Yet it has paid millions to settle damage suits out of court and millions more lobbying against safety standards. Improvements in the gas tank design were delayed eight years (and an estimated 500-900 burn deaths) because Ford's internal cost-benefit analyses said it wasn't profitable to make the changes sooner. The solution was a one-pound, one-dollar plastic shield.

—Mother Jones, October, 1977





Last year U.S. farmers sprayed 2½ times as much pesticide as they did only 15 years ago. U.S. Dept. of Agriculture figures show pest damage to crops has nearly doubled since World War II when pesticides came to the farm.

"Many producers are now on a chemical treadmill, a treadmill leading toward bankruptcy."

—Dale Bottrell, entomologist with the Council of Environmental Quality (CEQ).

"We have created monsters out of previously unknown pests."

—L. Dale Newsom, Professor of Entomology, Louisiana State University.



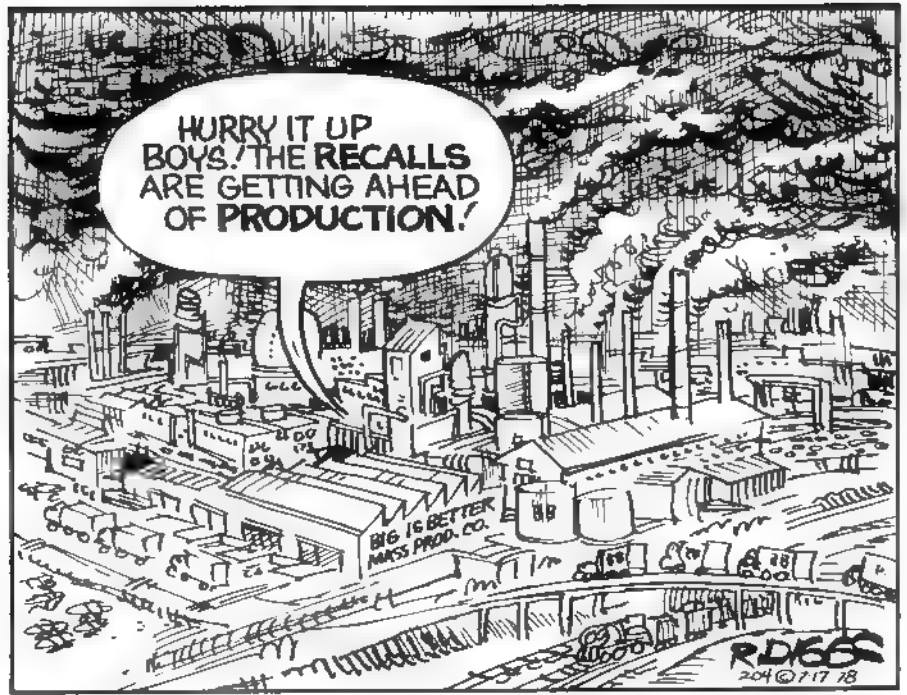


The F.D.A. (Food and Drug Administration) has been very conservative about scaring the public. We make sure our information is very solid before we label something a carcinogen."

—FDA spokesman



In 1977 the American auto industry recalled more vehicles than it sold; 10.4 million were recalled, 9.3 million new cars were sold. The cost of recalls shows up in the price of new cars.



An individual pays three times as much taxes as a corporation, according to a report issued by Rep. Charles Vanik (D-Ohio). By law, corporations should pay 48% on the profits. However, 168 corporations which were studied paid only 13% and 17 corporations paid no taxes at all on income of \$2.6 billion. The corporations included five steel firms, three airlines, three utilities, General Dynamics Corporation, Singer, and the Chase Manhattan Bank. The tax breaks and write-offs are entirely legal. The corporate share of the tax burden has fallen from 23% in 1967 to 14% in 1976. In 1978 the 95th Congress reduced the capital gains tax from 49% to 35%.



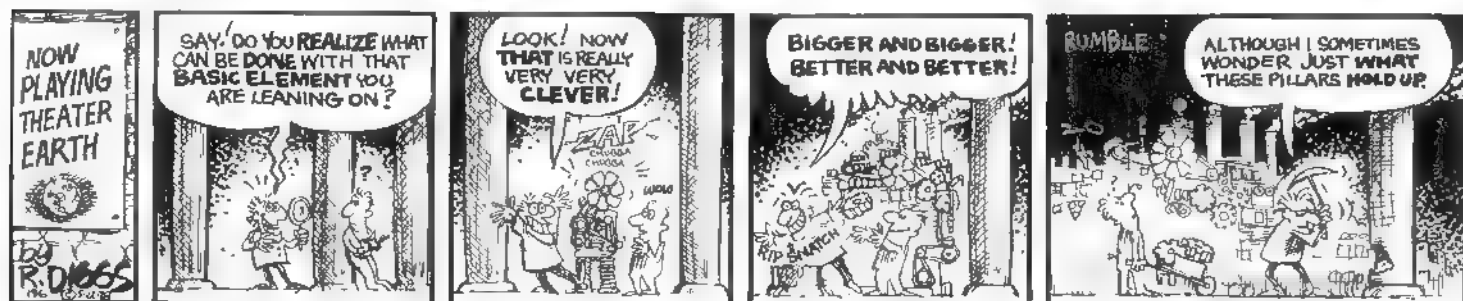
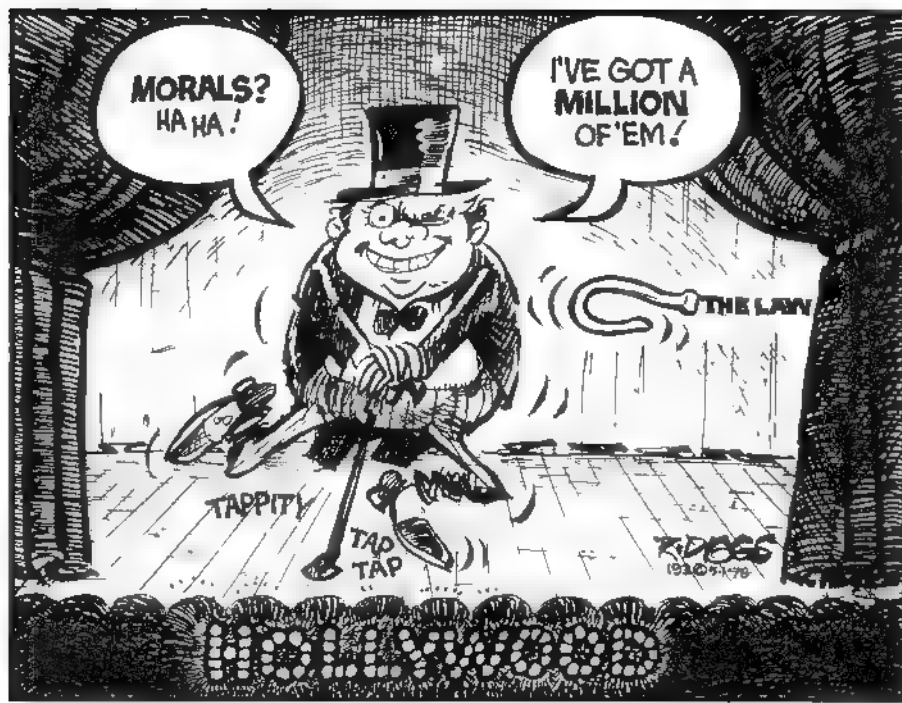


The United States is using 10% more oil now than in 1973. One out of every three barrels pumped is consumed in the U.S. and dependence on foreign oil is up 42% since the 1973 oil embargo. The Arab share of oil imports has doubled. Demand rose from 17.3 million barrels a day to 19 million while U.S. production fell, despite supplies of Alaskan oil.

16% of the nation's coal lies under Indian land. Peabody Coal Company is currently strip-mining the Navajo and Hopi reservations in Arizona. Strip mines, electricity plants and gasification plants are planned by Peabody, Shell Oil, Amex and others for Cheyenne and Crow reservations in the Great Plains. El Paso Natural Gas Company and Consolidated Coal Company plan to strip-mine 40,287 acres of a Navajo reservation in the Four Corners region of New Mexico. Exxon is also exploring 400,000 acres of Indian land in the same region.

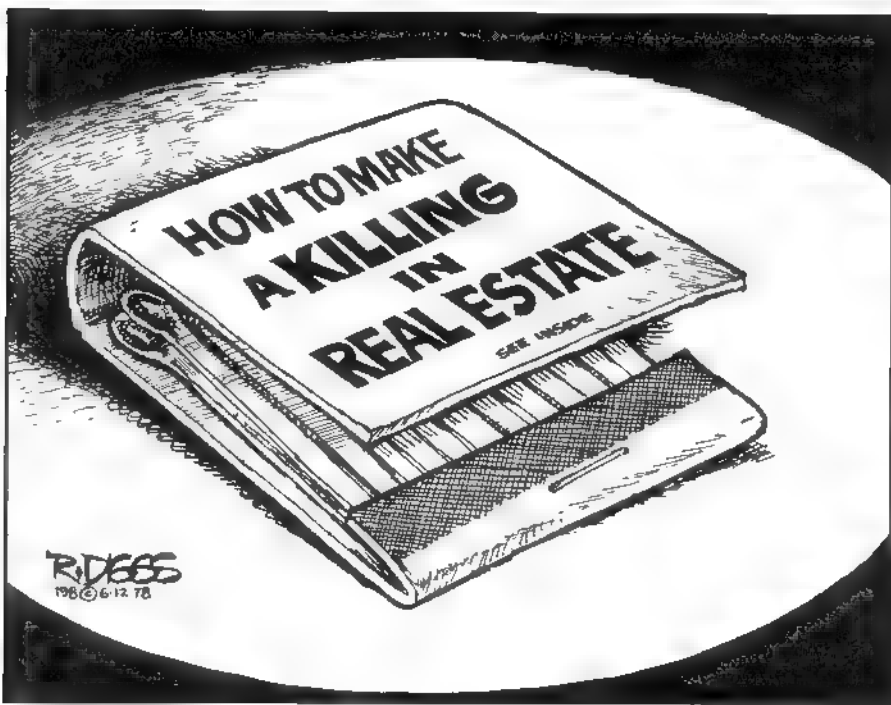
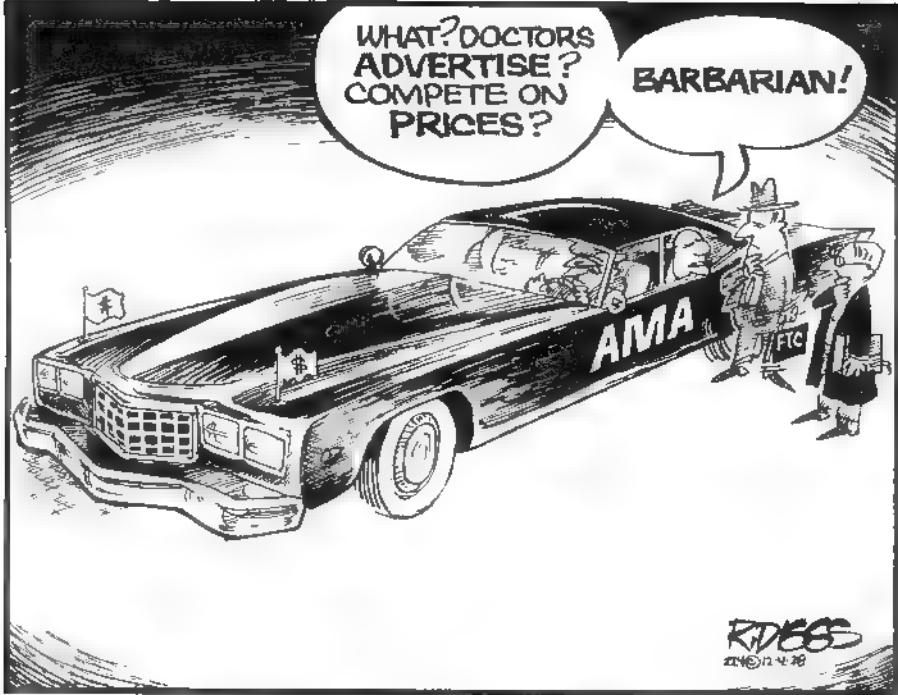
—Dollars and Sense, Sept. 1978, pp. 39





One woman is battered every 18 seconds, according to the FBI.

Voters in Wichita, Kansas, St. Paul, Minnesota, and Eugene, Oregon followed the example of Dade County, Florida voters last year by repealing ordinances outlawing discrimination against homosexuals in employment, housing and public accommodations.



Arson is up 325% from 1965 to 1975. It is the most destructive and fastest growing crime. In 1975 arson killed 1,000 people, injured 10,000 and caused \$1.4 billion in damages.

"The insurance companies never lose any money. They could care less how high the premiums go . . . It comes out of the hid of consumers."

—Testimony of former insurance adpustor who admitted being part of a Florida arson ring.





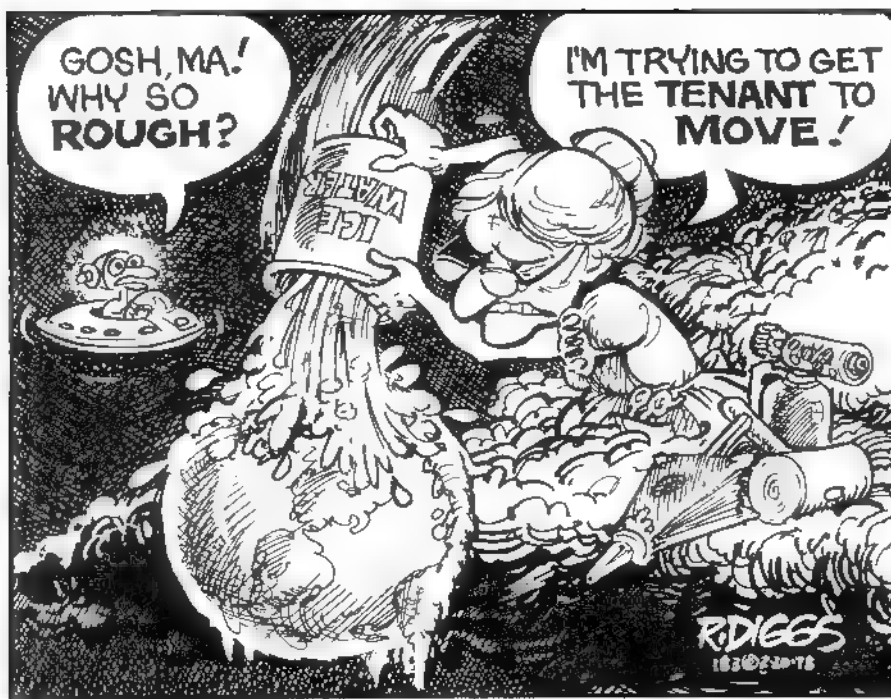
Absolute safety" for LNG (liquified natural gas) is "impossible" and "inconsistent with national goals and public interest."

—Max Levy, vice-president of Columbia LNG Corp, testifying at Senate Commerce Committee hearing on LNG safety.

On January 24, 1978, a Russian nuclear powered satellite, Cosmos 954, crashed to the ground in Canada. It was carrying 100 pounds of highly enriched uranium.

NASA also admits that its Skylab is doomed to fall into the atmosphere, break up and rain over much of the earth.





Thousands of residents of the town of Steubenville, Ohio, fled the area in a panic, after a series of explosions occurred in the two-story cement block warehouse of the National Colloid Co., a chemical firm. The eruptions blew a cloud of deadly chlorine gas into the downtown area, with the result that at least 233 persons — including 100 firemen — were taken to area hospitals for treatment of various maladies.

News item





I'm going to speak out on issues, and maybe I'll lose some, and people will tell me to shut up."

—Richard Nixon.





PRODUCT OF THE UNITED STATES
by R. DIGGS

NOT FOR EXPORT
by R. DIGGS

Y'KNOW
by R. DIGGS

HOW TO EAT AND STAY ALIVE
by R. DIGGS

DARN IT ANDY...
by R. DIGGS

by R. DIGGS

I ADMIT ONE THING ABOUT THAT GRINGO GOVERNMENT, MIGUEL

YOU'RE FLYING A LITTLE LOW, MIGUEL!

... IT'S NOT EASY BEING MIDDLE CLASS!

HAVE FUN AT THE BALL GAME, BUT STAY AWAY FROM CANCER!

WE DON'T HAVE ANY POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE UNITED STATES

HELLO? MR. R. VAN WINKLE HERE...

THEY ARE HONEST! THEY MEAN WHAT THEY SAY!
HOW SO PEDRO?

HA! IT IS TO KILL THE WEED TONS AND TONS OF PARAQUAT! HA HA HA HA

YOU'RE NOT RICH ENOUGH TO GET THE LOOPHOLES...

YOU, JUNIOR! DON'T EAT HOT DOGS! DITTO HAMBURGERS!

WE DON'T EVEN HAVE DISSIDENTS!

I'VE BEEN ASLEEP FOR THE LAST 10-15 YEARS AND NATURALLY I WONDER HOW MY STOCK IS DOING.

LIKE, WHEN WASHINGTON CLAIMS MARIJUANA IS DANGEROUS TO YOUR HEALTH? THEY DON'T JUST SIT AND DO NOTHING ...

BUT (GASP) IT'S NOT JUST A WEED KILLER- IT GETS IN THE FOOD OF THE LOCALS!
IT'S OK!

OR POOR ENOUGH FOR THE HANDOUTS!

.. AND FOR YOU DEAR, THAT MEANS NO BEER!
EGAD! ANYTHING ELSE?

WELL... I'M NOT CERTAIN IT'S SAFE TO BREATHE TODAY!

WHEN I DOZED OFF, THE DOW JONES HAD BARELY REACHED 800! I MUST BE RICH BY NOW!
RIGHT?

THEY GO RIGHT OUT AND ARRANGE TO HAVE IT POISONED!

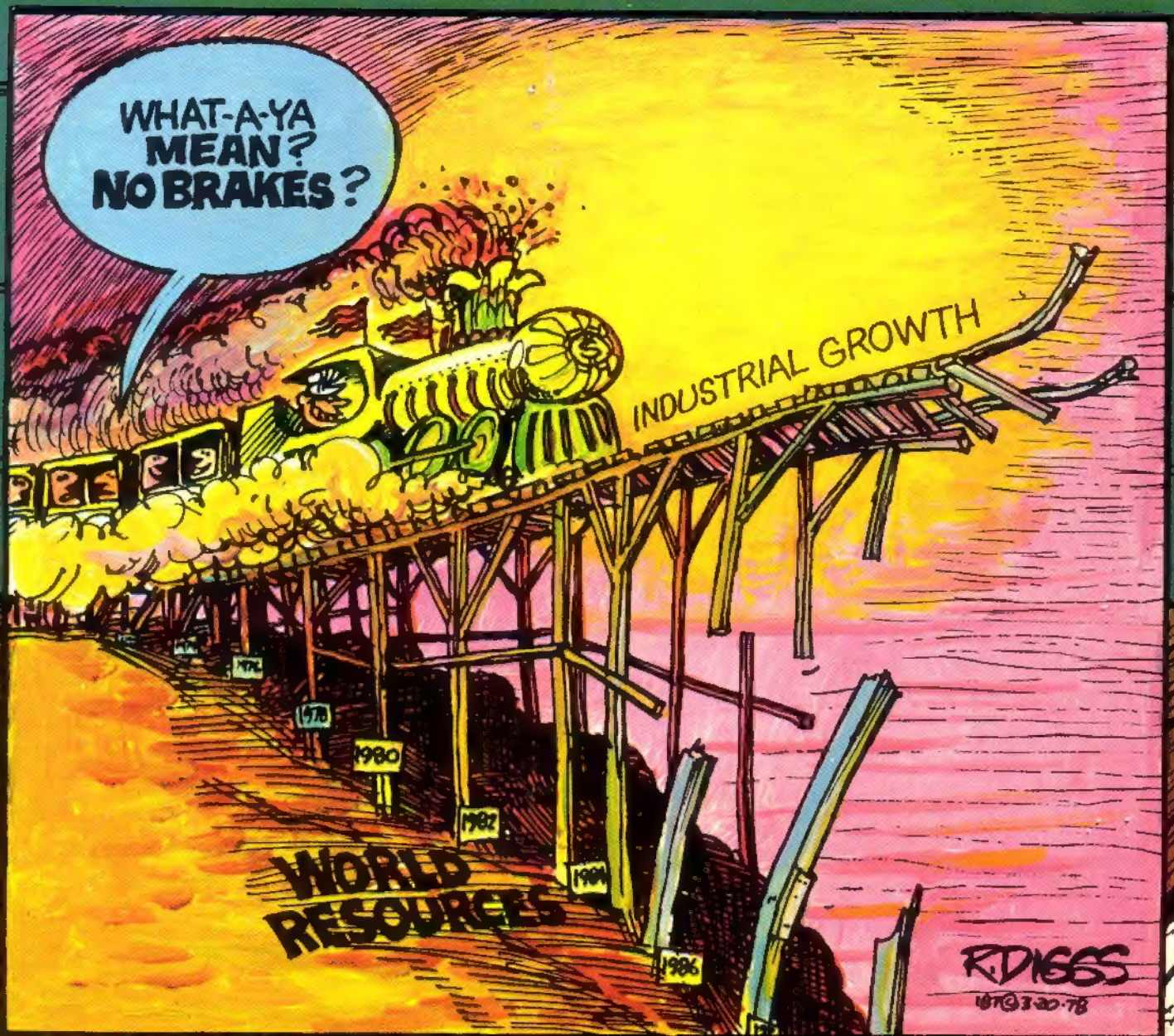
YOU GRINGOS DON'T LIKE FOOD THAT HASN'T BEEN POISONED!
THIS IS AN AMERICAN FARM

DAMN! SOMETIMES I WISH I WERE POOR!
THEN MAYBE I'D GET RICH!

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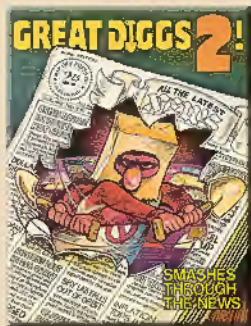
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